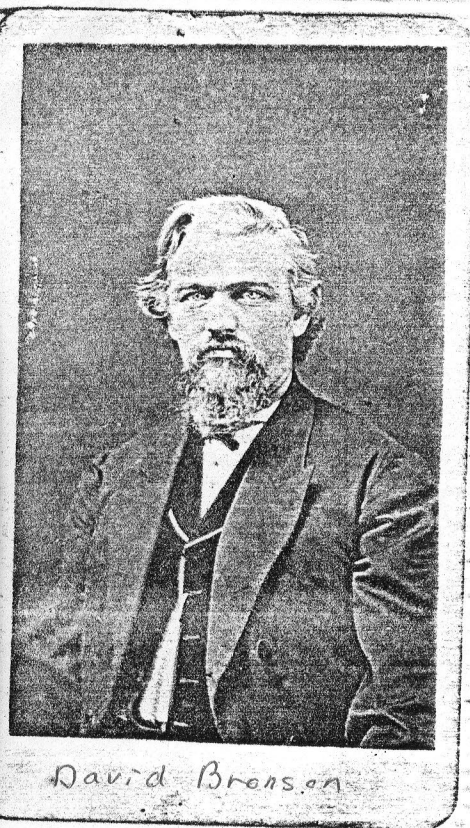
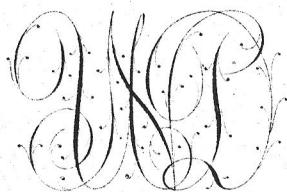






University of Notre Dame.
The exercises of the
Fortyfourth Annual Commencement
will take place
Tuesday & Wednesday, June 19th & 20th
The favor of your presence
is respectfully solicited.

June 1st 1888.

Very Sincerely Yours,
T. E. Walsh C.S.C.
President.



**TERRE HAUTE FORTY
YEARS AGO TODAY**

August 24, 1884

**Ross and Harry Bronson were
preparing to attend school at Notre
Dame.**



VIGO COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY
TERRE HAUTE, INDIANA



OFFICERS OF B. P. O. ELKS, NO 86, IN THE YEAR 1897—First row, left to right: W. B. Sanders, tiler; J. A. McDermott, lecturing knight and E. P. Westfall, trustee. Second row, left to right: W. K. Hamilton, esquire; D. R. Bronson, leading knight; David Lesseig, exalted ruler; A. J. Thompson, loyal knight, and C. H. Schaefer, inner guard. Top row, left to right: F. H. Cooper, chaplain; E. McElfresh, organist; J. R. Paddock, treasurer; William C. Doak, trustee; E. E. South, trustee, and D. L. Watson, secretary.

Ross Bronson



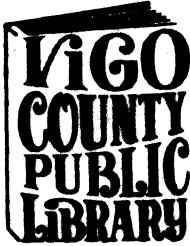
Ross Bronson



Mary Ellen Ross Bronson



Bronson Family



Mary Bronson Markee
735 Stuart Avenue
Kalamazoo MI 49007

August 5, 1981

Thank you for the offer of the book, but we already have six copies of Some Terre Haute Phizes. There must have been hundreds of them floating around at one time.

I'm glad you've been doing so well in your research. Getting back to the 1600s is a real accomplishment. I'm putting the pedigree charts you sent into the Beecher file for future reference.

I found the date of the sanitorium fire in our miscellaneous card file and made a print-out from the newspaper. Apparently the paper was discolored when it was filmed because the copy came out very dark. I am enclosing two copies and hope you will be able to read one.

Nancy Sherrill

Nancy Sherrill
Genealogy Librarian

25 July, 1981
735 Stuart Ave.
Kalamazoo, MI 49007

Dear Miss Sherill: -

While browsing in the "Bicentennial
Book Store" here in Kalamazoo - I
discovered a copy of

"Some True Haut Phizes"

Published True Haute 1905

with photographs of 303 residents
(all men) with caricatures and
short stories about each. by Briswold & Lucas

I was very surprised to find it.
I already own a copy - have cut out
the pictures (in my copy) of my father
John W. Ross Bronson and uncle
Harry Bronson

Does your library have a
copy? If not I will give you the
one I just purchased. It has, at
some time, been damaged by water -
but it is still valuable for the
information it contains. -

My membership in the UAR
on 2nd Febury, Ensign in the Loudoun
Co. Va Militia was approved. and a
supplementary membership on

George Lewis Coffinberry
 ancestors of the Beecher family
 has been submitted. With the
 photocopies from the Beecher Bible-
 you supplied - there can be no
 question.

My membership in the Hon.
 of American Colonists - based
 on the escheatment of land in
 Westmoreland Co, Va, in 1704
 from the Proprietors of the Northern
 Neck of Va. by Henry Asbury,
 has been approved.

My grandfather Bronson came
 from Ireland in the 1840's.
 I have all the info. contained
 in your library - but it doesn't
 help much.

My grandmother Mary Ellen Ross
 Bronson was raised by her Aunt,
 Mrs. Jeffcoat. She was the daughter
 of Bateman Ross - oldest son of
 Ephraim Ross and Hannah Wells
 (about whom you have so much info.)
 But I can't find the tie-in to
 prove it.

My ties with Terre Haute are
disappearing. - My (half) brother,
Charles Campbell, died this May;
and ^{Mr} Paul Bronson, my only cousin
left in Terre Haute died in July 1980.

When I last talked to Paul,
in June of 1980 - he said every
record the family had was
burned in the fire of the sanatorium.

When in your library I noticed
a clipping mentioned re: that
fire. Could you send me a
copy of it and I will pay you
any charges? Dnt, May 6, 1981

If you would like this ^{book} ~~copy~~ -
I shall send it or bring it down
this fall

Sincerely,

Mary Bronson Markee

In enclosing my Astbury - Becker Christmas
cards. - It takes the Becker - Astbury
family much farther back than your
library shows.

S. B. M.

Bronson Family

REFERENCE
DO NOT CIRCULATE

DAVID BRONSON

(from THE LEAVES OF THYME,
Vol. #XII-No. 9, Nov., 1961)

Vigo County Public Library

(This is part of a series of brief biographies of citizens of Terre Haute in her years of growth. The following has been taken, with some deletions from Bradsby's History of Vigo County Published 1891.)

David Bronson, hotel proprietor in Terre Haute, is also the enterprising proprietor of the "Exchange Bath House," one of the finest of its kind in the west. He is one of the quiet, unassuming business men of Terre Haute, one who has done much to aid in the prosperity and to extend the fame of the place, especially as a health resort. He was born in Ireland in October, 1831, and is next to the youngest in the family of five children of John Bronson.

When ten years old he came with a relative to America, where he worked, attending the district school for a short time in Wisconsin. When a mere lad, he found employment as a clerk in a grocery store where he remained until he reached his majority; then moved to Ohio, and for a time worked on a farm. In 1854 he came to Terre Haute, and has since made this his home. His occupation was varied until he obtained enough means to embark in business, and for several years he worked for the railroad company.

In 1867 he bought the hotel, which he continued to carry on and in 1873 he built the "Bronson House" which has fifty rooms. His Bath House was opened in March 1890 and is located on Tenth Street, south of Chestnut. Mr. Bronson was a large stockholder when the company drilled where the Exchange Bath House now stands in search of oil. Mr. Bronson continued to drill after the company had given up the oil hunt, until he struck the

strong flowing waters which are far more beneficial to humanity. The following analysis was made by Prof. Noyes.

Rose Polytechnic Institute

Terre Haute, Ind., Oct. 2, 1889

Mr. Bronson,

Dear Sir,--I have completed the analysis of the water from the "Exchange" well with the following results: Silica, .706 grains to the U.S. Gallon; Alumina, .053; Iron bicarbonate, .035; Strontium chloride, /trace; Insert Calcium phosphate, trace; Magnesium chloride, 11.055; Magnesium bicarbonate 15.344; Lithium chloride, more than a trace; Potassium chloride, 3.625; Borax, more than a trace; Sodium iodide, trace; Sodium bromide, more than a trace; Sodium chloride 301.258; Hydrogen sulphide, 4.629. Total 371.018.

Wm. A. Noyes, Ph., D.

Professor of Chemistry in the Rose Polytechnic Institute

The house has been furnished elegantly at a cost of \$20,000 and forty-four rooms. There rooms for vapor baths, also Turkish and Russian shampoo baths.

Mr. Bronson enlisted in 1864, in the One Hundred and Thirty-third, Ind. V.I. Company E and served the full term. He was married in 1870, to Mary E. Pritchett, a lady of English descent, and this union has been blessed with two children: Ross and Harry, both students at Notre Dame College.

Insert Above:

calcium sulphate, .257
Calcium chloride, 12,941; Calcium sulphide, /1.197; Calcium bicarbonate, 19.928

Nov. 7, 1980

Mrs. James W. Markee
735 Stuart Avenue
Kalamazoo, MI 49007

Dear Mrs. Markee:

So good to hear from you, but sorry your back ailments are troubling you...I can sympathize. Several years ago (when my husband was serving in the US Navy for the second time!) we were in an auto accident in Calif. and I had three lumbar vertebrae fractured...the term "aching back" really achieved significance after that! Now I add to that two arthritic knees, and weather changes can make me take it easy.

Dr. Hopp at ISU was difficult to catch, but we've known Bill and Eva for many years...since high school. The shells of the Bronsons were Florida and the better ones from foreign shores were purchased (condition showed them to be commercial, too perfect to be picked up on the beach. So no help there. It took almost two weeks for the County Clerk's office to locate the Index to Certificates of Naturalization, Vigo Co., No. 1...the filing of intent to become naturalized. FINALLY, it was found, and I dashed down again to read:

July 7, 1885 - Bronson, David -- Superior Court 33/561

The day after the election, I went to the courthouse again, found the custodian of the attic, and asked to see the above reference...there "ain't no such" 33/561 book according to him. I stayed in that attic for hours helping him look for ANY record book of the time period that might be it...no luck. Those records are in deplorable condition, filthy, disorganized, etc. Why don't you try National Archives for the info now that you have a date?

I still can't find any "NR" designation...1900 Soundex uses NA for naturalized.

The Woodlawn Cemetery burial records are still missing for 1838 to 1866. I double checked there again, and no luck. The possibility of a backer for David Bronson can't be ruled out, but he must have brought some capitol with him and took the opportunities as they came...his bathhouses, and sports arena were timely and money-makers.

I'll add the 7 pgs to the file, keep in mind the problem, and hope some more info will turn up in the future. The time has been used up with hours of research, trips to Marshall, Ill., Highland Lawn, Woodlawn cemeteries, Vigo County courthouse, libraries, etc., and it's as frustrating for me as I know it is for you to have to report so little progress.

Sincerely,

PS - the color film is still in the camera waiting for completion. I'll send them along as soon as they're developed. djc

Bronson Family

Ans - Descendants

735 Stuart Avenue
Kalamazoo, Mi. 49007
August 15, 1980

Mrs. Dorothy J. Clark
2032 North Eighth Street
Terre Haute, Ind 47804

Dear Mrs. Clark: My parents were -

John Daniel Ross Bronson - son of David Bronson and Mary Ellen
Ross

Sarah Jane Asbury - Daughter of Alexander Perry Asbury and
Almira Bitcher (Beecher.)

I retired from teaching in 1974 - Palestine, Illinois and Kalamazoo, Michigan. My great grandmother, Sarah Jane Hugbanks Asbury, lived to be 101½ years old. She died in 1927, but prior to that told me much about the Asbury family in the 1840's in Indiana, near Hymera. To preserve this information, I began collecting material on the family. That was three years ago.

In April of 1979 I had 39 pages of material duplicated and sent copies to about 30 of the older descendants of Alec Asbury and Almira Beecher with names, addresses and occupations of 169 descendants, with much personal information. Because I had listed present street addresses I felt it unwise to make this information public by placing it in a library. Those descendants are now living in seventeen of the United States, including Alaska and Hawaii, as well as Honduras and Bolivia.

I have been able to document the Asbury family to Westmoreland Co. Virginia, where they were tobacco planters in the 1690's. Since they were land owners, and with only three exceptions left wills. Of the three exceptions - two had records of land transfers by heirs or the records of the administrator. The Sullivan County Court House burned in 1850 and it was difficult to obtain factual information about Landman Asbury, grandfather of A. P. (1780-1841). The Sullivan County Historical Society found a booklet in the city library written by the Senior Class of the Hymera High School published in 1915, and supervised by the English Teacher, Eunice Asbury. The book was invaluable to me. On the basis of the documentation of the Asbury family I have been accepted as a member of the NSDAR citing George Asbury, Ensign in the Loudoun County Militia, Virginia. This was the father of Landman Asbury. Landman is buried in the Bethel Cemetery in Hymera. He served in the War of 1812 - Kentucky.

I contacted Sam Beecher to see if he had any information about the Beecher family. He informed me that the family bible had been placed the Vigo County Library. Using the information which dated back to 1805, I found that the maternal grandfather of George Bitcher, George Lewis Coffinberry, was also a Revolutionary soldier. I have the dates of the death of George L. Bitcher and Keziah Grover Bitcher, but neither Vigo nor Sullivan County can supply death certificates. The location for their places of death is the only break in documenting documentation for the DAR on my ancestor George L. Coffinberry.

With the Asbury's and Coffinberry's traced to Virginia, I have been concentrating on my father's side of the family but with little success.

My father died when I was five months old and mother then made our home with her parents. In 1918 she married Otto Campbell and my brother, Charles Campbell, lives in Terre Haute.

In 1976, before David R. Bronson's death, I tried to get further information about the Bronsons. I was in Terre Haute early in June and had a wonderful visit with Paul Bronson. Paul was extremely interested in what I was doing, but could give me very little information that I did not have, neither could Dave.

X The 1870 census indicated that David Bronson was "United States Citizen over 21." I assumed this meant he was naturalized since he was born in Ireland in 1831. The 1900 census indicates "NR" which to me implies he was not naturalized. I tried at the Vigo County Court House to see if they had naturalization papers. X They left me with the impression that their papers were so disorganized that they couldn't begin to look for it, if it existed. I had hoped to be able to determine his place of birth - I know he came from Northern Ireland, near Belfast.

With David Bronson coming from Ireland, Abram Bitcher coming from Switzerland - I decided to see what I could do with the ancestry of Mary Ellen Ross.

In addition to the "supporting information" on the enclosed sheets, I have obtained the GSA records of Calvin G. Prichett, and those of David Bronson - both in the Civil.

X Both Aunt Edna, years ago, and Paul, just recently, stated that the feeling between Harley Prichett and the Bronsons, was very strained. I thought some information might be obtained there, but I have not tried. X

I wrote the Clerk of the Circuit Court, Marshall, Illinois, to see if there were perhaps guardianship papers on Mary Ellen Ross. I received no answer. ✓

The 1840 Illinois Census for Clark, Cole, and Edgar counties show some young Ross's that might be other sons of Batemen; The 1850 shows two families who came from New York, via Ohio and Indiana, and appear in Illinois with almost identical given names of those in the family of Ephraim. There must be some family connection, but Mary Ellen Ross was born in Illinois in 1833, and they had not arrived by that time.

Futher personal information:

My husband is a retired funeral director who does not share my interest in genealogy, but tolerantly allows me to do whatever I wish. We have two sons - our older lives here in Kalamazoo, is a CPA and Vice President of Doubly Bros. & Co., Office Furniture and Supplies. They have five stores in Michigan and one in Fort Wayne. Steve and Linda have two sons.

- our other son is an electrical engineer and on the Ford Motor Company Research and Engineering Staff. John and Becky live in Bloomfield Hills, and have one daughter.

Research by -
Mary Bronson Markee,
(Mrs. James W.)
735 Stuart Avenue
Kalamazoo, Mi. 49007

Re: Mary Ellen Ross - b. 23 November 1833
Near West York, Il.
d. 9 December 1906
Terre Haute, In.

First marriage - 18 April 1860 to Calvin G. Prichett at Terre Haute, In. He was born in North Carolina and was killed in the Civil War at the Battle of Shiloh.

Children: William F. Prichett, b. 25 January 1851
Joseph A. Prichett, b. 25 July 1856
d. 15 May 1862
Harlan A. Prichett b. 8 August 1861

*Second marriage: - 27 December 1868 to David Bronson in Terre Haute, In. He was born in Ireland 18 October 1831 and died 22 June 1907, Terre Haute, In.

Children: John Daniel Ross Bronson b. 17 April 1870
(my father) d. 10 January 1910
Harry O. Bronson b. 4 August 1872
d. 1938
Eddie Bronson b. 1876 d. 1878

Supporting Information:

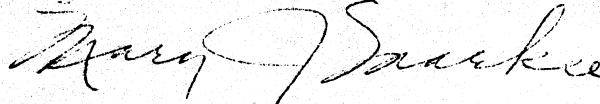
- (1) Death Certificate of Mary Ellen Ross Bronson states -
"b. 23 November 1833, Illinois, d. 9 December 1906.
Parents - unknown.
- (2) A personal letter written to me by Edna Jones Bronson, wife of Harry O. Bronson dated 4 February 1937 states -
"... she was born in Hutsonville, In." (?) "and reared by a Mrs. Jeffcoat, an aunt, but married at 16 to Prichett. He was killed during the war. ... She had a number of nice relatives, but they are all gone."
- (3) My father's application for marriage states - "mother born West York, Illinois., father born in Londonderry, Ireland."
- (4) Certificate of registration of Marriage - photocopy states -
"6 November A. D. 1836. J. Harlan, Sole Judge of Circuit Court of Clark County, Illinois, married John Jeffcoat, Jr. and Mary Ross. Registered and filed 2 December 1836."
I believe this is the aunt who raised Mary Ellen Ross.
- (5) Bateman Ross was the father of Mary (Polly) Ross Jeffcoat. I obtained a copy of his will 5 May 1856, hoping that she (Mary Ellen Ross) might be mentioned as a granddaughter if her parents had died. Mentioned were William B. Ross, Polly Jeffcoat, Richard Ross and Nancy Newman and their "heirs."
John Jeffcoat - husband of Polly was specifically excluded.

1856
1782
69

It is very difficult for me to do this research from this distance. The archives of Western Michigan Library and their material on microfilm has been wonderful. They too will obtain any census reels I wish - but all that takes a lot of time. It was only while in Terre Haute in June that I read that you would research for others. I have several of your clippings. On - "Oil Wells to Bathhouses" ends "The two brothers built and managed the Coliseum. (But that is another story)." I have never been able to learn more about - except mother implied that it didn't have too good a reputation.

I am enclosing a self-addressed envelope. I hope that you will notify that you are willing to undertake - what looks to be, impossible. I will authorize payment of your fees, at your regular rate, of up to \$200.00 plus any cost of any photocopies you think might be helpful. If at any time you feel this search is hopeless - let me know.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Mary J. Markee". The signature is fluid and elegant, with a large initial "M" and a long, sweeping underline.

Mrs. James W. Markee

- (6) Copy of the "Ross - Welles Family" by William Ross Teel obtained from the Vigo County Library stated -

Ephraim Ross, b. 1746, Halifax, Nova Scotia
 d. 29 September 1850, Terre Haute, In.
 m. 20 or 29 April 1788, Hebron, Conn.
 Annah Welles b. 18 November 1769 Hebron, Connecticut
 d. 14 October 1850, Terre Haute, Indiana

Children: -

	Born		Born
* Bateman Ross	1789	John Ross	1799
Betsy Ross	1791	Harry Ross	1801
Russell Ross	1793	James Ross	1803
Polly Ann Ross	1795	Sally Anne Ross	1807
Nancy Ross	1797	Alexander Ross	1809
		Emeline Ross	1812

- (7) Copy of "Harry Ross' Adventures told" by Dorothy Clark dated 4 March 1979.
 (8) Copy of a Newspaper item date 15 August 1906 re: Ross Property.

Other Sources used - "History of Crawford and Clark Counties Illinois - mentioning business operations of the Ross family in Hutsonville, Darwin and York.

"History of Parke and Vigo Counties" -

Biographical sketch of Harry Ross who died in Terre Haute in 1898.

"Greater Terre Haute and Vigo County"

available on microfilm in the Western Michigan Library here in Kalamazoo.

CENSUS FINDINGS

1850 - Vigo County, In. I was led to this family by the appearance of the name "Nancy Jeffcoat - Age 5." The family included
 Bateman Ross (66) Brickmaker b. N. Y.
 Mary Ross (33) b. N. Y.
 Ephraim Ross (85) b. England
 Hannah Ross (81) b. Conn.
 Nancy Jeffcoat (5) b. Ill. - 1870

1880 - Vigo County, In. In the home of James Ross was his sister Betsy Ross who never married, and "Mary Jeffcoat" age 62 who was the "nièce" of James Ross. - another lead into this same family.

1820

Illinois- finds Bateman and Ephraim in Crawford County with their families.

1830

Indiana - Ephraim is listed in Vigo County but Bateman is not there. The families of Harry and Russell Ross are listed separately.

1840 - Harry, James, Russell, Bateman and his son William B. all appear living in the same neighborhood. It is difficult to determine the make-up of their families as later census returns show "servants" and "Laborers" - probably workers involved with brick making.

October 18, 1980

Dear Mrs. Markee:

In answer to your letters of Sept. 8th and Oct. 2nd, consider this a progress report. I know you're anxious to hear what is happening. Yes, the Hawaiian hiatus was wonderful, but now it's back to work again. Our weather is wonderful, the perfect time for genealogists to visit court houses, cemeteries, etc.

First of all, I drove over to Marshall, Ill., to work in the court house, a very busy place to try to work now because of the coming election. However, they were most cooperative and helpful.

Clark County, Ill. Marriage Records Index 1819-38 listed:

Jeffcoat, John & Mary Ross (52-146) 5 Nov. 1836
Jeffcoat, Joseph & Ann Affinity Moore (34-115) 2 Nov. 1832
he was "over 21; she was 18"
Ross, Wm. & Mary Hagerman (54-143) 31 Dec. 1836 (another Mary Ross!)

There were none of name Pritchett (or various spellings)

Clark County, Ill. Marriage Records Index 1838-45 listed:

Jeffcoat, Henry & Sarah Wilcox p. 45 17 May 1840
Ross, Daniel & Julia Ann Neal p. 129 28 May 1843
Note: No Jeffcoat was listed after 1845-51
No Pritchett, but an unrelated Pritchard

The original records offered nothing further of genealogical interest.

I checked out: Circuit Court records, County Clerk's records, and the court house attic for probate records. No luck.

There were no Jeffcoats or Pritchetts in land grant indexes...
Only one Ross, James - p. 83, 28 Jan. 1852 - E $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ 80 acres

Under estate settlements and guardianships - I checked out Box 48 for Mary Ross; Box 287 for Mary E. Ross but nothing.

Under guardianships, I checked out Box 33 for "minor heirs of Wm. Ross, but found nothing that would help us.

So much for the attic.

In HISTORY OF CRAWFORD & CLARK COS., ILL. by Perrin, 1883:

Chapter XIII, Hutsonville Twp., page 145: nothing...
p. 361: 1833-37, Darwin, Ill., under depression because of the removal of the county seat... about this time... James and Harry Ross came from Terre Haute and did a thriving business. They handled immense quantities of grain, built and conducted a large pork-packing establishment, and in 3 years made a large amount of money..."

There is only one listing in the present telephone book for the name Pritchett...I spoke to a Mrs. Paul, wife of a local printer...she new nothing of Harlan (or Harley) Pritchett, but said she received telephone calls concerning his present whereabouts...she did know he was active in his younger days in the Kerman Grotto, so I called a friend who is active in that organization. He did some investigating, said Harley was the Monarch 1936-37 and lived to be over 100 years old. If there was any remaining family, they have left town?

Did the widow of Calvin Pritchett, ever receive a Civil War pension after the death of her first husband? That would be available from GSA and should give info about her. Try that.

The newest DAR Patriot Index does not list Ephraim Ross, 1746-1850. Do you have proof?

The Nathaniel Lee you found was first a Justice of the Peace, then a Judge in 1850. He attended the Old Settlers meeting in 1875, listed as living in Riley Twp., Vigo County, Ind.

Woodlawn Cemetery records have been lost, and those after 1866 have been retrieved, but all are in bad condition at Highland Lawn Cemetery. I have really stirred up a storm about this situation. Anyway —

Mary A. Bronson ~~XXXXXX~~ was bur. 11 Dec. 1906 in Division 23, but listed as L23 S23 Blk 6. She was ae 73, a res. of T.H., cause of death: chronic nephritis and sennile(sic) bronchitis.

David R. Bronson was bur. 14 Jan. 1910 in L23 S23 Blk 6. He was 39, a res. of T.H., but d. in Indianapolis of "marriel exhaustion and maniacal exhaustion." He was ^{also} listed "Daniel R."

I've photographed the four stones in a row for you. I did not see the "nearby" graves of Wm. & Lucinda Ross, but will look again when time permits.

I could not find newspaper obit for William Ross, except for this news item. Mr. Wm. Ross, who had his leg amputated from injured received a few days ago, died yesterday morning. His funeral will take place this morning at 10 o'clock.

This appeared in the WEEKLY WABASH EXPRESS, Aug. 31, 1864.

In the T.H. TRIBUNE, Dec. 10, 1906 - Mrs. Mary E. Bronson, aged 73, d. 3 o'clock Sunday morning. She leaves husband, David Bronson and three sons, E. A. Pritchett, Ross and Harry. Funeral 2 o'clock Tuesday afternoon from residence of H.O. Bronson, 1034 N. 8th St. Friends of family ~~will~~ invited to attend funeral, but burial will be private at Woodlawn Cem.

~~That's why I did not find the obit for David.~~
~~That's why I did not find the obit for David.~~
If you want his obit I can look for it another time?

My Index of the 1877 Woodlawn Cemetery plat maps shows:

Ross, H. - D48 S7 L17 and D47 S22 L12
, I. - D47 S22 L12
, Jas. - D38 S3A L10
, John C. - D48 S8 L4 & 5 (bought 1863)
, Lucinda - D35 S1 L14
, Russell - D47 S22 L17
, W.B. - D47 S23 L7 (this sale 1860)
, Z.B. - B37 S2 L5

Bronson, David - D23 S6 L23

There is a burial records for Cinderella Ross 3 Oct. 1904. She was ae 88, bur. 47-23-7 (that's W.B. Ross' lot)

Ref: VIGO COUNTY CEMETERY BOOK by Markle and DAR

Ross, Emilie, dau of Russell & Elizabeth, m. TEEL
 b. 1825; d. 1911; no cemetery given?

Ross, Rev. David
 m. Eliza Ann d. 1 Apr. 1866 ae 43-10-26 Cem. #31 - Rose Hill

Ross, Harry d. 30 Oct. 1898 ae 98 Cem. 45 - Woodlawn
 m. Emeline d. 15 Nov. 1867 ae 57 "

Ross, James d. 12 Feb., 1873 ae 52 "

Ross, James H. 30 July 1803; 28 Apr. 1891 "
 m. Eliza d. 21 July 1845 ae 30-11m. "
 m. Ann E. d. 14 Dec. 1875 ae 67 "

Ross, James H. d. 26 Dec., 1848 ae 22 "

Ross, Rea d. 5 Feb 1873 ae 43 (Calif.) "

Ross, Russell d. 23 Oct., 1841 ae 48 "
 m. Elizabeth d. 28 Jan. 1858 ae 52 "

Ross, Wm. b. 10 Feb., 1812; d. 7 July 1876 "
 m. 6 Feb. 1834 Lucinda Gordon b. 20 Mar. 1815; d. 1 Aug. 1885 "

No Bronson or Pritchett were included in this volume of copied tombstone inscriptions of Vigo Co. Ind.

The Rev. S. M. Stimson was the pastor of the First Baptist Church here beginning in 1865 until 1873.

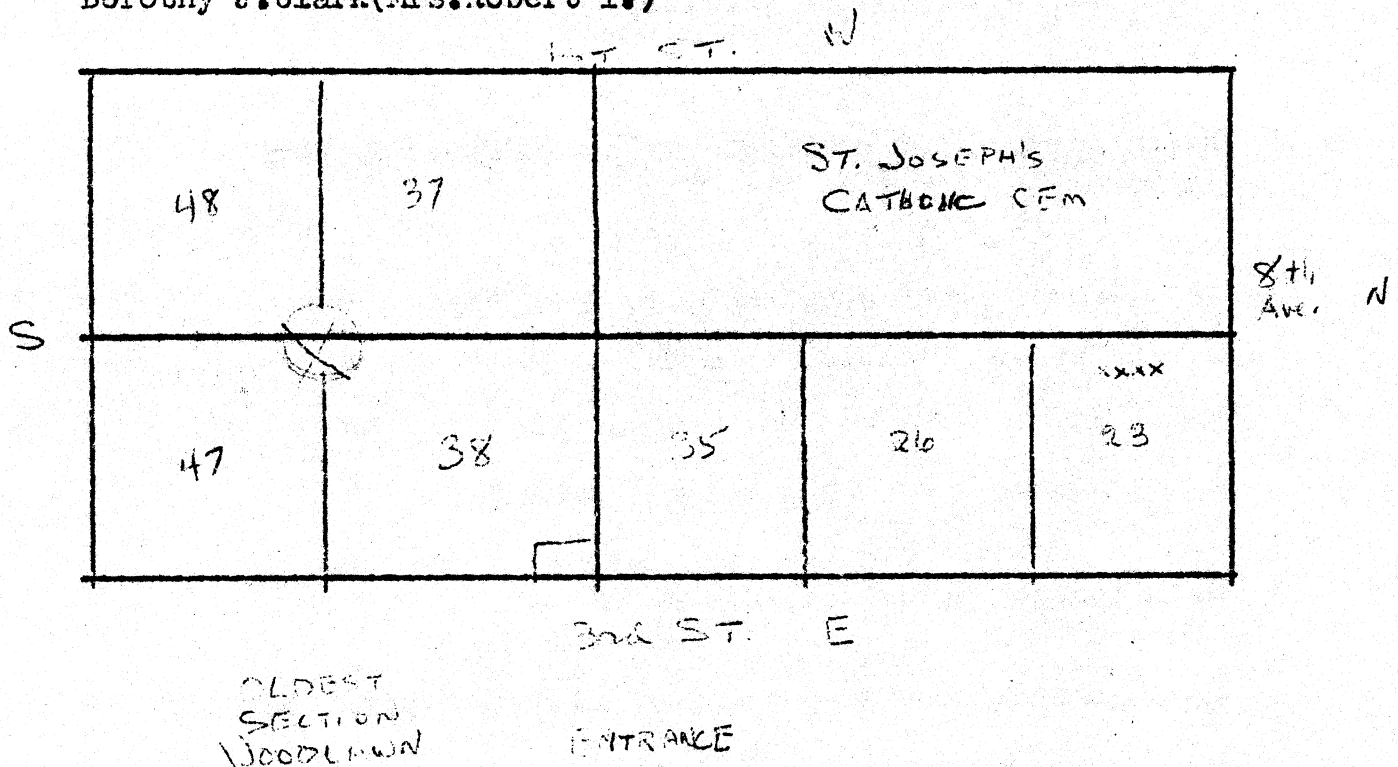
I did not find obits for Ephraim or Hannah Ross who d. 1850. Newspapers of that date are scanty, and weeklies, so....

A visit to the First Baptist Church was not profitable... they have records back to 1924 with "some family" info, but none available earlier...sorry.

I've included a simple map of Woodlawn to give you an idea of grave locations. I've also written a query on the problem for my column GENEALOGY on Sun., Oct. 26. Hope we hear from someone with further Ross info. I'll try for the naturalization record for Bronson at the courthouse. There will still be some time left on this assignment, so let me hear from you as to your thinking and wishes...

Sincerely,

Dorothy J. Clark (Mrs. Robert I.)



Re: John Daniel Ross Bronson, b. 17 April 1870, Terre Haute, In.
d. 10 Jan. 1910, Marion Co., In.

1886 (about) The High School in Terre Haute burned and Ross and Harry Bronson were sent to Notre Dame to complete their education.

1888 Ross graduated from Notre Dame.

1892 " graduated from U. of Michigan Law School

1892 - c. 1894 practiced law in Terre Haute

1894 - 1897 Chief Deputy County Clerk

1897 Started a business with his father as proprietor, Ross and Harry for the manufacture of Overalls.

(?) Date unknown - the building burned

? Joined their father in Hotel business.

* ? Built Coliseum - Later it burned. - dates unknown

Re: Sarah Jane Asbury. b. 19 January 1882, Sullivan Co., In.
d. 19 July 1947, Farmersburg, In.

Mother went to Indiana State in 1900. I do not know how long she attended. She taught country school in Sullivan Co., and was at one time secretary to Howard Sandison, Vice Pres. of Ind. State. She was the daughter of Alexander Perry Asbury, a Methodist Minister, who was a salesman for a farm machinery company and a farmer who felt he could not be assigned to a church because of the size of his family. He had ten children, mother was the seventh. He was a "local preacher." His father had been a Methodist Minister. It was on George Asbury, Ens. Loudoun Co., Va. that I claimed membership in the DAR.

Her mother was Almira Beecher, (Bitcher), and it was through her ancestor - George Lewis Coffinberry of Berkeley Co, now West Va. that I have applied for supplementary DAR membership.

Re: Death of Ross Bronson

In September 1908 my parents were married - mother was 26 and my father 38. After his death we went to her parents on a farm near Hymera. About 1914 or 1915 my grandparents moved to Farmersburg.

As a child I was told that my father had died in a private sanitarium of a nervous breakdown. That was sufficient information and I never questioned. It was not until I was an adult that she gave me the details. He had contracted syphilis years before, but thought he had been cured at the time of their marriage. His death certificate from Indianapolis states - "cerebral syphilis, maniacal exhaustion." The confusion in the cemetery records may come from the family's trying to hide the cause of death. When attempting to find his "place of death" I was given a letter by the Bedino Funeral Home in Terre Haute (who have possession of the records of the old Ryan Funeral Home.). It states only - "brought from Indianapolis," and it was from that I was able to get a death certificate.

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Death of Ross Bronson - continued

An article concerning my father's death appeared in the Spectator. It gave his place of death as - "Indiana State Hospital for the Insane." I will never understand how I was kept from knowing the circumstances until I was an adult. No one has ever mentioned it to me except my mother - about 50 years ago.

I sometime wonder is that could have influenced Paul to make his fight against prostitution in Terre Haute. Paul was about 12 years old when my father died. In seaching the 1900 Terre Haute census, I found that "sporting" was a very common occupation.

I feel only great sorrow for his early death, and that I did not get to know him. Also for the sadness which it gave my mother.

When I was nine year old mother married again - Otto Campbell was a wonderful step-father - and I'm so glad to have my brother, Charles Campbell, who lives in Terre Haute.

Re: - GSA Documents:

George Asbury - the documents sent were of another "George Asbury" and it was only through the Virginia State Library Archives that I was able to obtain copy of his appointment. Rev. War.

George Lewis Coffinberry - He, too, was in the Virginia early Malitia, but he had applied for a pension - so the information was very complete. Rev. War.

Landman Asbury - b. Va. c. 1781 - His papers of the War of 1812 were very complete.

David Bronson - Civil War. - Very little there - nothing of value. Listed as David Brunson - served from Terre Haute.

Alexander P. Asbury - Civil War - Applied for a pension, therefore very complete and helpful information.
In 1926, his mother, Sarah Jane Hughbanks Asbury, received a pension was she was 100 years old as being a surviving parent of a Civil War Veteran. Family history says that she was the only parent, at that time, given such a pension. That may be true.

Calvin G. Prichett, Carpenter, b. North Carolina c. 1824
d. 6 April 1862, Civil War, Battle of Shiloh.

Children. William F. Prichett b. 25 Janueary 1851
Joseph A. Prichett b. 25 July 1856
d. 15 May 1862
Harlan A. Prichett b. 8 August 1861

Mary Ellen Ross Prichett received a pension of \$8.00 per month for a period of years.

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Re: David Bronson - Death certificate - b. 10 Oct. 1831
Ireland
(Belfast ?) my mother
d. 22 June 1909
Terre Haute, In.
Mary Ellen Bronson - " " b. Illinois 1833
d. Terre Haute 1906.

You have the above information:

Bradsby says to America in 1841.

David Bronson says - in the 1900 census - In America 52 years.
Making it 1848, date of entry.

Naturalization -

1870 census has a mark after his name in the column -
Citizen over 21 - I assumed he had his papers.

1900 census - in the column on naturalization says - "N. R."
which could possibly mean - "Not registered."

Possibility of a Visa

This is from memory of what I think I heard as a child.
Grandfather and grandmother Bronson collected shells.

My child-memory makes me think it had to be probably in
some ~~tropical~~ area where a visa would be necessary.
I still have many of the shells, and William B. Hopp,
who is with Indiana State, tells me that Uncle Harry
Bronson gave him part of the collection which is at
Indiana State. Mr. Hopp would be able to tell us from
area the shells were collected. He is a descendant of
the Beecher family.

I know nothing about foreign travel - but I have thought
that in order to obtain ~~one~~ it was necessary to give
your place of birth, etc. I would not have the slightest
idea of how to locate any information - but I thought you
might know. That travel probably took place in the early
1900's.

Census information and City Directories.

Mother told me David Bronson was a captain of a boat on
the canal that came into Terre Haute. Paul told me in
May that he had been told the same.

1864 City Directory - Passenger Brakeman T. H. and R. R.
Bradsby, p. 690 says the same.

1867 City Directory - boards with a W. A. Moore.

1871-2 City Directory Prop. of R. R. exchange Hotel. SE chestnut and 10th
1872-3 " " The same
1874-75 " " Prop. Bronson House, NE Corner 10th and Spruce
Prop. Exchange Hotel, SE Cor. 10th and Chestnut
1901 " " Prop Bronson Hotel, Bronsin Mineral Springs
Bath House, Swimming Pool and New Idea Mfg. Co.
Residence 313 N. 10th.

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Census records -

1860 - Vigo County -

David Bronson, 27 yr. b. Ireland
Living with the family of Wm. C. Haywood

1870 David Bronson, age 40 - Persnnal property \$1800
Prop. Boarding House - M. and F. Foreign born.
Mary E. age 36, b. Ill.
John D. Age 1/12

Also in the home -

Frank Prichard (19) in School b. In.

Harlan (8) in School b. In.

Family included 2 domestic servants and 9 Boarders.

1880 David Bronson, 49 yr. b. Ire, m. and f. B. Ireland
Mary Ellen (48) b. Illinois, F and M. b. Illinois
(This I doubt)

Ross (10) b. Ind.

Harry (8) "

Harley (19) Hotel clerk - in school.

Also - Wm. Prichett (29) b. Ind. says F. B. Ky, M. B. (??)* Ohio
Clerk in R. R. office.
Wife - Gertie (22)
Daughter (1)

1900 David Bronson b. Oct. 1831 - In the U. S. 52 years
Age 68, married 31 years.
Proprietor of Bronson Nouse. - Mortgage.

Mary Ellen Bronson b. Nov. 1833, (66 yr.) b. Illinois
F. b. N. Y., M. b. N. Y.
Had 7 children, 3 living*

* If it had been a child born by her first marriage
it would probably been stated on her pension.
Since that was not the case - she must have lost
two children by the Bronson marriage. "Eddie
b. 1876, d. 1878, and another of which there is
no record.

Daniel R. Bronson, b. Apr. 1870, age 30.
b. In., f. b. Ire. M. b. Illinois
Commercial Traveler - Overalls.

Fred Prichett - G. Son, b. Jan 1881, (19 yr)
F. B. In., m. B. In., Self b. In.
Clerk in father's (?) hotel.

(It is possible that Wm. Frank Prichett is dead.)
A ~~Frank~~ Prichett had a claim against the Bronson
estate at the time of the death of David Bronson.

Also in the home - Mary J. Brenning (Boarder) (66)
b. Ire, f. b. Ire, M. b. Ire - not employed but
gives occupation as a "nurse" and "boarder."
She was also in the home in the 1880 census.

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Estate of David Bronson -

He died intestate - 22 June 1909

A claim was settled and payments made to Fred L. Prichett
Nov. 11, 1909. Ella J. Reddick.

I Believe these are the children of Wm. Frank Prichett.

Properties owned at the time of his death.

These were copied hastily from the actual papers held by
the Vigo County Court - Probate.

Earllys Add. 48' ss.

Lot #2 - Block 2, Value 770 Value Imp. 3400
Mtg. exp. 700, Val. pers. prop. 100 poll 1

Total \$3750.

Roses Sub.

Lot #71 670 value Imp. \$3500 Mort. 700
#72 670 Pers. Prop. 190

#156 750
157 680
158 530
159 530

\$6630

Total Value

\$9120

State of Montana - County of Lewis and Clark, Nov. 18, 1909
Lot or Sect. 4 and 5, Block or Range 85.

My share of my father's estate (Ross) was \$1750 which was invested
by my mother. This supported me through three years of collage at
Indiana State. - I then taught and came back summers and got my degree.

If my share was 1/3 of my father's estate, this would have made
our families' share \$5250 - which would be about half. Mother was
given the "Bronson House" and this was obtained from its sale.

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Re: Ross family in Terre Haute.

The article on this family written by Wm. Teel and appearing in the Indiana Historical Magazine, Vol. 34, March - Dec. 1938, p. 128-134, and held in the Ross folder in the Vigo Co., Library, is very interesting. 17 Dec. 1937 Terre Haute paper carries parts of this with the by-line of Anna Bowles Riley. I combined that information with the article you did on Harry Ross on 4 March 1979, which is also in the library.

I found something that might tie-in with the family.

"New York in the Revolution" on p. 238 says -

"Oct. 1776, prisoners sent to Conn, Mass, New Hamp and Penn." and then on p. 240 mentions Ephraim Ross.

Possible that is why he was in Connecticut and married there in 1788.

Mary Jeffcoat =

Mary Jeffcoat died April 16, 1900. She lived at 621 Cherry St. in Terre Haute., Her parents are listed as Bateman Ross, B. N. Y. and Katherine Laird.

Her will is dated 25 August 1888 and proved 18 May 1900.

1. To Cinderella Ross - property along Cherry street 150 ft. x 37½ ft. - North side, at her death, to her heirs. (Sister in law)
2. To sister - Nancy Boggett property on west side of Fifth street, 141 ft by 30 ft. for her use during her life-time. At her death the property to be sold and nephews Bateman Newman and Richard Newman, each to receive \$200. Divide the remainder between nephew and Neice Albert Newman and Catherine Hall.
3. To brother Richard W. Ross Lot adjoining the town 233 ft. by 300 ft.

Executors - Edward W. Ross and Edwin R. Bryant
Witnesses - Henry H. Boudinot and Burton G. Hanna.

No mention was made of a Nancy Jeffcoat who I assumed was her daughter. She was listed in the 1850 census in the home of Bateman Ross as 5 yr.

Nancy Ross Newman Boggett - Vigo C. marriages - 21 July 1837,
Nancy Ross m. Jasper Newman.
